

II. Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A connecting device for the a plug-in connection of ~~for~~ at least one pipeline, the plug-in connection comprising a housing part having at least one receiving opening for the insertion of the pipeline, and a clamping ring, ~~which is~~ arranged in the receiving opening and, in order to lock the pipeline in place within the receiving opening, an outer cone surface of the clamping ring interacts with an inner cone surface of the housing part, the housing part being made in two parts from a base part and an insert part, ~~part~~ which is connected to the base part via a snap-action form-fitting connection ~~and has~~ which includes the inner cone surface, and the insert part having a dirt seal for resting on the circumference of the inserted pipeline in place within the receiving opening, the insert part being formed of a first, relatively hard and dimensionally stable plastic material material, and the dirt seal, ~~consisting~~ seal being formed of a second~~[[,]]~~relatively soft and elastic plastic material, ~~molded~~ the second material being attached directly onto the first material as to form a single piece with a cohesive material joint therebetween.

2. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the insert part is of sleeve-shaped design and is insertable into a widened portion of the receiving opening of the base part in a manner providing a circumferential seal against the penetration of dirt and similar foreign bodies, the insert part, ~~in the inserted state~~, lying completely within the base part and ending flush ~~on~~ with the receiving opening when the insert part is positioned in the receiving opening.

3. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 2 wherein the sleeve-shaped insert part has, for the purpose of being able to release the pipeline, at least

two radially elastic spring arms which are formed by longitudinal slots and which engage releasably by means of radially outwardly protruding latching attachments in a form-fitting manner in corresponding latching openings of the base part.

4. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as claimed in claim 3 wherein the longitudinal slots are filled with the material of the dirt seal.

5. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the snap-action form-fitting connection has closed latching elements running in the circumferential direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 1 wherein a supporting sleeve which is coaxial with the plug-in axis is arranged within the base part for the frictional engagement in of the inserted pipeline.

7. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the housing can be connected to a further assembly part via at least one connecting section.

8. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting section is designed as a pipe attachment for insertion into the a second receiving opening.

9. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 8 wherein the base part is ~~designed as a two-component~~ formed of two regions of molded part of plastic, the

~~with one~~ region of the pipe attachment consisting of including a relatively soft material and the remaining ~~another~~ region consisting of including a relatively hard material.

10. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 7 wherein the connecting section is designed as a screw thread attachment, ~~in particular as~~ including an externally threaded connector.

11. (Currently Amended) The connecting device ~~in particular~~ as claimed in claim 1 wherein the housing part can be inserted with a plug-in section as a press-in cartridge into a connecting opening of an assembly part.

12. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as claimed in claim 11 wherein the housing part has, on the circumference of the plug-in section, at least one tooth element for the engagement in the connecting opening.

13. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as claimed in claim 11 wherein the plug-in section has, on its circumference, at least one tooth element which acts in the manner of a thread such that the housing part can be plugged in with the plug-in section axially into the connecting opening and can further be removed from the connecting opening by unscrewing it.

14. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 12 wherein the ~~housing part or the base part~~ consists of a metal, ~~in particular~~ including brass, and the tooth

element or tooth elements of the plug-in section are being molded on as a single piece with the base part.

15. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 12 wherein the housing ~~part or~~ base part consists of plastic, and the tooth element or tooth elements ~~consisting consist~~ of metal and being are embedded in some regions in the plastic.

16. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 2 wherein the insert part, for the circumferential sealing toward the base part, ~~[[r]]~~ can be inserted into the base part with a press fit ~~and/or~~ and has an outer circumferential sealing bead.

17. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 16 wherein the circumferential sealing bead of the insert part consists of an elastic material ~~and is molded on as a single piece~~ attached to the insert part with a cohesive material to form a single piece ~~joint together with the dirt seal and preferably with the material filling the longitudinal slots.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the insert part has positioning means on its outer circumference for the automatic aligning on insertion into the base part, the positioning means being formed, ~~in particular,~~ by means of ~~two diametrically opposite,~~ at least one radially projecting longitudinal ribs rib which run runs axially in the insertion direction and engage in a corresponding longitudinal grooves groove of the base part.

19. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 1 wherein retaining edges are formed within the insert part following the inner cone as an axial end stop for the clamping ring ~~as an axial end stop for the clamping ring.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as claimed in claim 19 wherein first retaining edges are formed in the region of the at least two spring arms and second retaining edges are formed in the regions situated between the spring arms, the first retaining edges being offset with respect to the second retaining edges by an axial offset (X) in the direction of the inner cone whereby the clamping ring, when subjected to a force (F_z) acting in the pulling-out direction of the pipeline, ~~first of all only~~ comes to bear against the first retaining edges and, ~~as a result,~~ the spring arms are subjected to a radially outwardly acting retaining-force component (F_{tr}).